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In re application of: Morishita et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated December 12, 2006. A three-month period for response was set, and a one-month extension is enclosed, making a reply due by April 12, 2007. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.